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I am one person who believes the Department of Justice has done nothing to prevent Microsoft from extending their Monolopy. In short, you have done nothing to correct past wrongs. You need to punish them financially. Force them to sell a stripped down version of their Operating System. How do you purpose to force Microsoft to reveal to their competitors how their operating systems works, so that all software developers have an equal footing. You should force them to post the source code of the Application Programmers Interface on the internet. At least make a true attempt to curb Microsoft's abuses and maybe open the way for competiors to compete fairly with Microsoft. I feel strongly that every one would have been better off if you had forced Microsoft to split into at least two companys. One to produce software, and one to produce only the operating system. That in it's self would make it a necessity for the operating system company to reveal the internals of how to make applications work with their operating system. The prospertiy of the operating system would be dependent on applications working well.

You have done Microsoft a favor. What about the users who must put up with a buggy operating system and companys that would like to compete on an equal footing with Microsoft.. A monolopy in the Technology field is not good for individual users, companies, or our country as a whole. You need to re-think what you have done, because the monster still lives. The monster has a right to live, but not to consume all that it sees or desires. Slow it down while you can.